

## Who benefits from TEACH?

**Teaching staff benefit** by earning college credits, credentials and/or a degree with little to no out-of-pocket cost.

**Children benefit** because they are able to form a bond with a care provider who has made a commitment to the field, is a specialist in early childhood education, understands child development, and is sensitive to the needs of very young children.

**Child care centers benefit** by employing teaching staff who possess the ability and knowledge to provide a higher quality of care to children and families.

**Tax payers benefit** by saving \$7 later for every \$1 spent on high quality programs for young children.



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## TEACH Early Childhood®

**Scholarship Opportunities  
for Child Care Providers**

Improving the quality of child care in South Carolina by increasing the education, compensation and stability of the early childhood workforce.



## What is TEACH?

The TEACH Early Childhood® Program provides scholarships for providers working in South Carolina DSS regulated child care centers to complete college course work in early childhood education and earn either South Carolina Early Childhood Credentials, an associates degree, or a bachelors degree. The main goals of the scholarship are to increase early childhood teacher education, increase compensation, and decrease child care turn over rates in the state of South Carolina. The TEACH Early Childhood® Scholarship is a licensed program of Child Care Services Association. South Carolina Endeavors administers the TEACH Early Childhood® Scholarship. SC Endeavors is funded by the South Carolina Department of Social Services.



## Who is eligible for TEACH?

Teachers, directors, owners, and family/group child care providers that are working in a South Carolina regulated child care setting are eligible for a TEACH scholarship. An applicant must meet income guidelines, work a minimum number of hours per week in a South Carolina regulated setting and must have the sponsorship of their employer to qualify for the TEACH Early Childhood® Scholarship.



## Key Components of TEACH?

### Scholarship

The TEACH Scholarship provides scholarships for child care providers who meet certain eligibility criteria. Scholarships are available for the South Carolina Early Childhood Credential (ECD101), the South Carolina School Age Credential (SAC101), associate degrees in Early Care and Education, and bachelor degrees in Early Care and Education. Funds are available to assist with the costs of college tuition, textbooks and travel. Scholarship recipients may be eligible to receive paid time off (release time) from their job. Scholarships are based on a partnership between the recipient, the sponsoring child care facility, and the TEACH Early Childhood® Scholarship, each sharing a portion of the cost.

### Education

Participants in the South Carolina Early Childhood and School-Age Credential Scholarship Programs commit to completing 3 college credit hours (ECD101 or SAC101) of education during 1 semester. Participants in the Early Childhood Associate Degree Scholarship Program and participants in the Early Childhood Bachelors Degree Scholarship Programs commit to completing between 9 and 15 credit hours of education during each yearly contract period.

### Compensation

Participants completing the South Carolina Early Childhood or School-Age Credential may be eligible for a **\$400 Smart Money Bonus**, as funds are available. Participants completing at least 9 credit hours toward an Early Childhood Associate Degree or Bachelors Degree may be eligible for a salary increase or bonus from their sponsoring center and a bonus from TEACH.

### Commitment

Participants make a commitment to remain at their sponsoring child care program or in the field of early childhood education for least one year beyond the completion of their last contract.

## Why is TEACH needed?

The TEACH Early Childhood® Scholarship Program has proven to increase the education of child care teachers, increase compensation for child care teachers, reduce staff turnover in participating child care centers, and provide higher quality child care settings for South Carolina's young children.

## How is TEACH funded?

The TEACH Early Childhood® Scholarship Program, the scholarship recipient, and the recipient's sponsoring child care center each pay a portion of the cost. Funding for TEACH's portion of the cost comes from the South Carolina Department of Social Services.

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